

TOWN OF NEWFIELDS BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 6:47pm. Selectmen present were James McIlroy and Roberta Gerkin. Janet Smith arrived at 9:10pm. Others present were Reuben Hull, Chief Jeffrey Buxton, Joseph Clark, Fran Lane and Wendy Chase.

Accounts payable and payroll checks were reviewed and signed.

Reuben Hull was in to present his final Professional Services Agreement and Amendments 1 and 2. James explained that he had spoken to Reuben about the rates he had previously presented. It was agreed upon that Reuben change his consultation rate to a blended rate of \$50.00 per hour which would include planning consultant, technician and clerical. Roberta made a motion to accept Reuben's Professional Services Agreement and Amendments 1 and 2, James seconded and all were in favor. The Agreement documents were signed by the Board.

Jeff Buxton was in to discuss Rockingham County Dispatch. He explained to the Board that he doesn't have a preference either way on using the County dispatch or the Town of Newmarket dispatch. The Town's contract with Newmarket will expire on December 31, 2005. We are paying \$11,973.00 to the Town of Newmarket for dispatching services for 2005. The County dispatching service would be free to the Town. Jeff would need six months notice if the Town decides to switch to the County. On behalf of the Fire Department, Jeff has no reservations either way. The Selectmen will do further investigating on the subject.

Jeff informed the Board that the Fire Department is in need of volunteers. The Board suggested that we add it to the web site. If anyone is interested in becoming a volunteer fire fighter, please contact Chief Jeff Buxton at 772-3578.

Jeff also let the Selectmen know that he has purchased the new Chevy Forestry Fire Truck.

Joe Clark was in to discuss his property on Ash Swamp Road. The Selectmen have received a complaint that Mr. Clark may be running an illegal junk yard. Joe was in to explain to the Board that he collects Volkswagens and that he has purchased a 42'x12'x78' building to house 20+ cars. He further explained that he would like to cooperate and if the Selectmen would like to visit his property they may. Joe would like to be notified prior to any inspections of his property. James explained to Joe that the Board would like to consult with Town Counsel and will get back to him in letter format.

Alison Watts was in to discuss the prime wetlands study the Conservation Commission is doing. The Commission would like to hire Mark West of West Environmental and voted to begin with phase I of the study. Roberta made a motion to accept the West

Environmental proposal, James seconded and all were in favor. James signed the proposal as Chairman of the Board of Selectmen.

The Gilmore Conservation Easement was discussed. Alison Watts was contacted by a potential buyer of the property and was concerned with certain language within the Easement. The Selectmen and Fran agreed that certain language was confusing. James made a motion to have Fran send a letter to Nancy Gilmore's attorney with a proposed amendment to the Conservation Easement, Roberta seconded and all were in favor.

Fran informed the Board that the closing on the former Post Office is scheduled for December 30, 2005.

A motion was made and seconded to go into non public session with Counsel at 8:10pm and all were in favor.

The Selectmen came out of non public at 8:25pm.

The Selectmen decided to let the Peaslee's put a granite bench in memory of their late Father, David Peaslee at the Town Landing. Wendy will direct them to contact David Dennehy, Overseer of the Landing, to coordinate a time to go on site and determine where to put it.

A resident phoned informing the Board that Realtor signs were on the town property where the Carriage House once stood at the corner of Summer Street and Exeter Road. The Board was unanimous that they would take no action at this time but reserve the right to revisit the topic if need be.

The Comcast letter was reviewed.

Wendy was directed to put GASB 34 on the agenda under old business.

Mary August's letter was read regarding the Case court case. James directed Wendy to contact Fran and have him come in next week to update the Board on the case. James would like Fran to email him prior to next week's meeting.

A request to commit \$575.00 to participate in the Hazardous Waste Day was received from the Rockingham Planning Commission. A motion was made and seconded to grant the request. Wendy will write a letter of commitment to the Rockingham Planning Commission.

The Bank of NH letter was read. The Board would like to forward it to Don Doane for his opinion.

James made a motion to approve the minutes of March 29, 2005, Janet seconded and all were in favor.

James made a motion to approve the minutes of April 5, 2005, as amended, Janet seconded and all were in favor.

An abatement application was reviewed. A motion was made and seconded to deny the abatement request due to the fact it was applied for after the deadline date.

Wendy was directed to email Wolfe Tone and Gregg Caporossi informing them of the Nichols land being conveyed to the Nature Conservancy.

A letter from the Dept. of Safety Division of Fire and Emergency Management was read by the Board regarding snow removal costs the State of NH is reimbursing towns. A meeting at the Exeter Town Hall is scheduled for Wednesday, April 13th at 10:30am to explain the application process. Janet will contact Brian Knipstein to ask if he would be able to attend. Janet will go to the meeting if Brian is unable.

Janet received a complaint from a resident about a damaged culvert which caused flooding in the resident's field. The Board recommended that Janet contact the resident and have the resident contact the developer first. If that doesn't pan out have the resident get more information on the location of the culvert and get back to the Board.

Roberta made a motion to adjourn at 10:15pm, Janet seconded and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy V. Chase